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FAMILY PRAYER:

COMPRISING

THREE WEEKLY COURSES

OF

MORNING AND EVENING DEVOTION.

I.

FROM THE AUTHORIZED FORMULARIES OF THE CHURCH;

II.

FROM THE NEW MANUAL OF DEVOTION;

III.

FROM JENKS'S PRAYERS AND OFFICES:

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

OCCASIONAL COLLECTS FOR THE PRINCIPAL FEASTS AND FASTS OF THE CHURCH, ETC.

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PREFACE.

THE following Forms of Family Prayer were originally drawn up for private use. They have been so used for several years, and are now published in the hope that they may afford some assistance to others.

On account of the many publications of a like kind which have lately appeared, an additional one might seem needless. But the pious practice of Family Devotion has, of late years, much increased; and, with it, the demand for books of this nature: and as the circumstances, and also the tastes of families, differ, it may not, perhaps, be amiss to promote and encourage that practice, by submitting different forms of prayer to their choice. At the same time the Compiler cannot but express his devout wish—vain though it may be, especially in the present day—that, since the daily sacrifice of the Temple has been generally discontinued among us, all Christians could be brought "with one mir

and one mouth to glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," in the assemblies of the family as well as in the House of God.

The First Series of Prayers, compiled from the public formularies of that part of the Church at present established in England, was published about twelve years ago. The Compiler had not then seen any forms upon the same plan, though, since that time, others, in many respects similar to it, have appeared: yet, in the general plan and arrangement of the Prayers, they differ from it sufficiently, perhaps, to allow of its re-publication. Great care has been taken to avoid the insertion of any clause, or even word, not contained in the formularies from which they are professedly taken, except only such as seem to be required in *family* prayers; as, in the intercessory parts of each prayer, *relations*, *friends*, *neighbours*. The order observed in each Prayer is that of the daily liturgy of the Church.

The Second Series is taken from the "Private Devotions for every Day in the Week," contained in "The true Church of England Man's Companion in the Closet." The Prayers are in several respects altered and abridged, and are adapted to Family Worship.

The Third Series, as it is hoped that every one familiar with the devotional writings of the author will at once perceive, is from the "Prayers and Offices of Devotion for Families" of the Reverend Benjamin Jenks. The Prayers are considerably abridged, the sentences shortened, repetitions avoided; and the antitheses, so frequently occurring in them, as well as some other forms of expression, are altered. But it has been anxiously endeavoured to preserve the devotional spirit, the sentiments, and the general character of the original.

The Occasional Prayers, or Collects, are intended, principally, to be used with the Second and Third Series; as in the First Series the subjects to which those Collects refer have been kept in view, in compiling the Prayers for those days on which the fixed occasions recur.

It may be noticed that this Collection of Prayers is especially adapted to the use of the members of the Church. If it should be found to assist in the discharge of the important duty of Family Prayer, and thereby promote the glory of God, from whom all blessings flow, through the mediation of the ever-blessed Redeemer, the sole object of its publication will be gained.

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I.

FAMILY PRAYERS

FOR

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK:

COMPILED FROM

THE AUTHORISED FORMULARIES OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND.

"The Prayers of my Mother the Church of England; no other Prayers are equal to them."—GEORGE HERBERT.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, assist us mercifully in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To thee, O Lord our God, belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against thee, neither have we obeyed thy voice to walk in thy laws which thou hast set before us. Have mercy upon us miserable sinners: hide thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities, for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Mediator and Advocate.

And forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things rule and direct our hearts. Raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us. Grant us so perfectly and *without all* doubt to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ,

that our faith, in thy sight, may never be reproved. Grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; and, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done. From all blindness of heart, from pride, vain glory and hypocrisy, good Lord deliver us. Grant us, we beseech thee, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

We praise thee, O God, for all thy goodness and loving kindness; but especially are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, whom, of thy tender mercy, thou didst give to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; we praise thee for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Grant, we beseech thee, blessed Lord, that when we, and whosoever shall draw near unto thee this day in thy house, to give thee thanks for the benefits which we have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to confess our sins unto thee, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul, we may do it with such steadfastness of faith, and with such seriousness, affection, and devotion of mind, *that thou mayest* accept our bounden duty and ser-

vice, and vouchsafe to give whatever in thine infinite wisdom thou shalt see to be most expedient for us. Give us grace to prepare our hearts to serve thee with reverence and godly fear: affect us with an awful apprehension of thy divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so, approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts, and pure hearts, and minds sanctified, we may perform a service acceptable to thee through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to us here present, that with meek heart and due reverence we may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

These, and all other necessaries for us, our relations and friends, for thy whole Church, and all for whom we ought more especially to pray, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O God, whose nature and property is always to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord, for in thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time, and particularly during this day, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy holy name. And grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so, by continual mortifying our corrupt affections, we may be buried with Him; and that,

through the grave and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us.

Grant, we beseech thee, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy holy name. O graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same. Grant that, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, we may have a right judgment in all things, and evermore rejoice in His holy comfort. Make us to love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found.

Blessed be thy name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth thee to have thy habitation among the sons of men, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth. Inspire continually, we beseech thee, the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and

godly love. O heavenly Father, who, of thine infinite love and goodness towards us, hast given to us thy only and most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the author of everlasting life; who, after He had made perfect our redemption by his death, and was ascended into heaven, sent abroad into the world His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, and Pastors, by whose labour and ministry He gathered together a great flock in all the parts of the world to set forth the praise of thy holy name: for these, so great benefits of thy eternal goodness, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call thy servants, our Bishops and Pastors, to the same office and ministry appointed for the salvation of mankind, we render unto thee most hearty thanks, we praise and worship thee; and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy blessed Son, to grant that we, with all who call upon thy holy name, may continue to show ourselves thankful unto thee for these and all other thy benefits; and that we may daily increase and go forward in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Son, by thy Holy Spirit: so that thy holy name may be for ever glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged.

Save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors; and especially thy servant William our *King, that under* him we may be godly and quietly

governed; and grant unto his whole council, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

We most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

And now, O God, unto thy most gracious mercy and protection we commit ourselves, our relations, friends, and all for whom we should pray, this night. Lord, bless us, and keep us. Make thy face to shine upon us. Lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, prevent us, we beseech thee, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. May it please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word. And grant that neither the splendour of anything that is great, nor the conceit of anything that is good in us, may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes: but that we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, in faith and patience, humility and meekness,

mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance unto the end. Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

O Lord, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that, by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright; grant to us, we beseech thee, such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations. Grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; and as thou hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire.

Bless with thy saving health all our relations, friends, and neighbours: and, O God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly *serve thee:* and grant, we beseech thee, that the

course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.

We yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, for all thy mercies; and especially that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee: increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give to us thy Holy Spirit, that we, being born again, and made heirs of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, may continue thy servants, and attain thy promises, through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit everlastingly.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that we may obtain our petitions, make us to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences: for we acknowledge our faults; against thee have we sinned, and done evil in thy sight. Turn away thy face from our sins, and put out all our misdeeds. Spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; and grant that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved. Make us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Help us, O God our Saviour, and for the glory of thy name deliver us; be merciful to us sinners, for thy name's sake.

Grant, we beseech thee, that our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will. O God, whose blessed Son was manifested *that He might* destroy the works of the devil, and

make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life, grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as He is pure; that when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom. And give us, we pray thee, while here on earth, that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also, that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Bless, we pray thee, all our relations and friends: may they be endued with all heavenly virtues, and everlastingly rewarded through thy mercy. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts. Look down from heaven upon all who are in any trouble or affliction: visit them with thy salvation; deliver them in thy good appointed time, and save their souls for thy mercies' sake.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the whole Church. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that we may be all of one heart and one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity; and that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee. Bless thy servant, our Sovereign *Lord the* King: let thy wisdom be his guide,

and let thine arm strengthen him: let justice, truth, and holiness, let peace and love, and all those virtues that adorn the Christian profession, flourish in his days: direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory and the welfare of his people; and give us all grace to obey him cheerfully and willingly for conscience' sake. Let thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

We bless and magnify thy holy name, most merciful Father, for all thy goodness; more especially for the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ, and the innumerable benefits which by His precious bloodshedding He hath obtained to us. Give us such a sense of this great mercy as may engage us to a true thankfulness; such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days.

And now we humbly beseech thee, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants; and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence this night and ever against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord: to whom, with thee, and the Holy Spirit, as for all thy mercies, so in particular for those of the day past, be all glory and honour, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the Author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech thee, to hear our prayers; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities; but grant that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Thou hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O thou who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to keep us this day without sin; and mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, *may obtain thy* gracious promises, and be made par-

takers of thy heavenly treasure. From envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, good Lord deliver us: and may it please thee to give us a heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments. Give us a right understanding of ourselves, and of thy threats and promises, that we may neither cast away our confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. And teach us by the daily instances of mortality to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, while we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting.

Bless all our relations and friends; preserve them in thy faith, fear, and love; prosper them with long happiness here on earth, and crown them with everlasting glory hereafter. Look down from heaven upon all that are in affliction; behold, visit, and relieve them. Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived. Keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant William, our most gracious King and Governor. Preserve and bless all the Royal Family.

Illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and may they, both by their preaching and living, set it forth and show it accordingly.

O most gracious God, whose mercy is over all thy works, we bless and glorify thy name, for that thou hast given thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to die for us; whereby alone we obtain remission of our sins, and are made partakers of the kingdom of heaven. We bless thee, also, for thy mercy in preserving us during the night past, and in bringing us safe to this day. Make us truly sensible of thy mercies; and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, this thy goodness to us; that we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

We humbly acknowledge before thee, O most merciful Father, that all the punishments which are threatened in thy law might justly have fallen upon us, by reason of our manifold transgressions and hardness of heart. But, O Lord, deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities. Turn thou us, O good Lord; and so shall we be turned: be favourable to us, O Lord, be favourable to us, for thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, and grant us thy peace.

Grant that all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Grant that we may have power and

strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Grant that we may also be endued with heavenly virtues; that, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in His death, we may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and that as we are made partakers of the death of thy Son, we may also be partakers of His resurrection; so that, finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom.

We make our humble supplications unto thee also, for all our relations and friends: let thy fatherly hand, we beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life.

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and Household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only on the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power. We beseech thee, also, with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord the King; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Bless all the Royal Family. *Send down* upon our Bishops and Curates, and all *congregations* committed to their charge, the health-

ful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. May it please thee to bless and keep all thy people; and to succour, help, and comfort all sick persons, and all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation.

Day by day we magnify thee, O heavenly Father, for thy preservation of us, and for thy great goodness; and we worship thy name, who, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by His one oblation of Himself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. May we, now and ever, in remembrance of that His precious death, offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee.

And we beseech thee, most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness to keep us, and all belonging to us, this night and ever from all things that may hurt us; and that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us, and accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We confess, O Lord, that it has been of thy mercy alone that we are not consumed, because thy compassions failed not. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities. Pardon our offences, we humbly beseech thee, and work in us true repentance, that iniquity may not be our ruin. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation. We believe that thou, O Christ, who art the everlasting Son of the Father, shalt come to be our Judge; we therefore pray thee help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

O heavenly Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, (for which we give thee our humble and hearty thanks,) defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be *ordered by thy* governance, to do alway that is

righteous in thy sight. Make clean our hearts within us, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us; but let thy grace alway prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works. Thou hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may alway most thankfully receive that, His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life. Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command. And grant that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant William, our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we, and all his subjects, (duly considering whose authority he hath,) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions

of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church, that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy Fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

We humbly praise and magnify thy most glorious name, O heavenly Father, who, of thy gracious providence and tender mercy, hast hitherto preserved us; but more especially that thou hast given thine only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Let the consideration of thy great goodness, O Lord, work in us true repentance. And increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, fruitful in all holy obedience, that thou mayest still continue thy favour, with the light of thy Gospel, to us and our *posterity for evermore.*

These things, for ourselves and all for whom we would pray, we humbly beg for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved, mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners, but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; and forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, *may* be evermore ready to follow thy holy com-

mandments. Mortify, we beseech thee, and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and the constancy of our faith, even unto death, we may glorify thy holy name. Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that, through thy protection, it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name: and, O merciful God, have mercy upon the heathen, and them that know not or despise the Gospel of thy Son; and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Guide, we beseech thee, and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock; and *give them thy* grace and heavenly benediction, that

both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men. Strengthen the hands of our gracious Sovereign, and all that are put in authority under him, against all workers of iniquity; that he and his realms being preserved in thy true religion, we may all duly serve thee, and give thee thanks in thy holy congregation. Strengthen such as do stand, comfort and help the weak hearted, raise up them that fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

We laud and magnify thy glorious name, O heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself a universal Church with the precious blood of thy dear Son; and that we are heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of His most precious death and passion. We bless thee, also, for thy preservation of us, and providence over us: humbly beseeching thee to lighten our darkness, and by thy great mercy to preserve us from all the perils and dangers of this night; and to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in the holy fellowship of Christ's mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in.

These things, O Lord, we humbly beg, for ourselves, *our relations* and friends, for thy whole

Church, and all for whom we should pray, in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Our Father, &c. -
The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O HEAVENLY Father, hear our prayer, and let our cry come unto thee, through the mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners; and grant that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved. Give us unfeigned repentance for all the errors of our life past, and steadfast faith in thy Son Jesus; that our sins may be done away by thy mercy, and our pardon sealed in heaven, for His merits who died for us.

Keep us, we beseech thee, O Lord, this day under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name. From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation, good Lord deliver us. Of thy tender love toward mankind, thou hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great

humility, mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection. O Lord who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth, pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee: and grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises. Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; and in all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord deliver us.

Let thy blessing be upon all our relations and friends; endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom. O Lord, save the King; endue thy ministers with thy righteousness; bless thine inheritance, and make thy chosen people joyful. Give peace in our time, O Lord; and evermore mightily defend us.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine *unworthy* servants, do give thee most humble and

hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, particularly during the past night, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

We, thy creatures, but miserable sinners, do confess that we have forgotten thee, our God, and refused to hearken to the voice of thy word, and to obey thy commandments. But, O heavenly Father, save us for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ thy Son; absolve us, we beseech thee, from our offences; that, through thy bountiful goodness, we may be delivered from the bands of those sins which by our frailty we have committed. And as thou hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification, grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve thee in pureness of living and truth. Give us grace that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we *may ever obey* thy godly motions in righteousness

and true holiness. Give unto us that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Father, to all our relations, friends, and neighbours, that they, through thy help, may both faithfully live, and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also may be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts. Look with the eyes of thy mercy upon all that are in affliction; give them comfort and sure confidence in thee, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; and bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived. Have mercy upon these kingdoms; and preserve to us our ancient government in Church and State. May it please thee to rule the heart of thy servant William our King and Governor, in thy faith, fear, and love; to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the nobility, with grace, wisdom, *and understanding;* to bless and keep the magis-

trates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth: and grant that all things may be so ordered by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations.

Blessed Lord, we yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise, as for thy many other great and public mercies, so especially for thy continued preservation of our Church and nation. Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be ascribed all honour, and glory, and praise, with most humble and hearty thanks in all Churches of the saints. And, we beseech thee, give us such a lively and lasting sense of what thou hast done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness, but that it may lead us to repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our religion, which thou hast in a marvellous manner preserved to us. Grant us to be of one heart and one mind in serving thee our God, and in obeying them whom thou hast set over us. Let brotherly kindness, concord, and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make our Church a praise in the earth.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth

all things in heaven and earth, we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us all those things which be profitable for us, this night and for ever. All which we humbly beg for the sake of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, favourably, with mercy, hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty. But, O heavenly Father, who, of thy great mercy, hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee, have mercy upon us; pardon, and deliver us from, all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness.

Strengthen us, we beseech thee, with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear; and make us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable unto thy divine Majesty. *Cleanse* the thoughts of our hearts by the

inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; remembering always our profession as represented in our baptism; which is, to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto Him; that as He died and rose again for us, so may we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

We humbly beseech thee, also, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory: and so fit and prepare us, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after our departure hence in peace and in thy favour, our souls may be received into thine everlasting kingdom.

Defend, O Lord, our relations and friends with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to thine everlasting kingdom. Have mercy upon all that are in any affliction *or trouble; and send* them help from thy holy place.

May it please thee, O Lord, to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way; and so to dispose and govern the heart of William thy servant, our King and Governor, that in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory; and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness.

Accept, O heavenly Father, our humble thanks for thy great goodness to us in the blessings of this life; and above all, that thou hast called us to a state of salvation through thy beloved Son our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou hast given unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life. And as thou hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness. We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. But, O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, grant us the absolution and remission of our sins. Give us, we beseech thee, true repentance, and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our lives hereafter may be pure and holy; and that, being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, we may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally we may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Of thine only gift it cometh, O merciful God, that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech thee, that we may faith-

fully serve thee in this life; and like as we do believe thy only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, to the honour and glory of thy holy name. O merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed.

Send thy blessings upon our relations, friends, and neighbours; that they, obeying thy will, and alway being in safety under thy protection, may abide in thy love unto their lives' end. Graciously look upon all that are in affliction; pitifully behold the sorrows of their hearts.

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, particularly that part of it to which we belong: and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness. Let thy priests *be clothed* with righteousness, and let thy saints

sing with joyfulness. And grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. May it please thee to save and defend thy servant William our King; to direct all his counsels to thy glory and the welfare of his people, and to preserve and bless all the Royal Family.

We praise thee, O God, for all thy mercies; particularly during the past day: but above all things we give most humble and hearty thanks to thee, O God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble Himself, even to the death upon the cross, for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness, and the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. To Him, therefore, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, may we give, as we are most bounden, continual thanks, submitting ourselves wholly to His holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve Him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

And, O Almighty Lord, who art a most strong *tower to all them* that put their trust in thee, to

whom all things, in heaven, in earth, and under the earth do bow and obey, be this night and evermore our defence, and make us know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant this, we humbly beseech thee, for His sake.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, who, if we confess our sins, art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, we were conceived and born in sin, and have committed many actual transgressions, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. Spare us, good Lord; be merciful to us whom thou hast redeemed, and pardon us for thy mercy's sake; and grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. O Saviour of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Give us grace, O heavenly Father, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He *shall come again* in His glorious Majesty to judge

both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal through Him. Send thy grace unto us and to all people, that we may worship thee, serve thee, and obey thee, as we ought to do. And we pray unto thee to send us all things that be needful both for our souls and bodies; to be merciful unto us, and forgive us our sins; and that it may please thee to save and defend us from all dangers, ghostly and bodily, and to keep us from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. May it please thee to give us increase of grace to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit; and so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee.

Have mercy upon our relations, friends, and neighbours, pour upon them the riches of thy grace, sanctify and bless them, that they may please thee both in body and soul.

O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; and grant that, being alway preserved from false Apostles, it may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors; and that the Ministers and Stewards of thy mysteries may so prepare and make ready thy

way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

Protect and defend our gracious Sovereign, and together with him bless all the Royal Family. May it please thee to preserve all sick persons; to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed.

Accept, we beseech thee, our humble thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men; for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. Make us unfeignedly thankful, and grant us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for thy mercies towards us, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, and let thy mercy be showed upon us, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour.

O heavenly Father, we humbly acknowledge our sins before thee : we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults; restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. Give us the comfort of thy help again, and stablish us with thy free Spirit. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Give us thy heavenly grace, that we may repent us truly for our sins past, have a lively

and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour, amend our lives, and be in perfect charity with all men.

Renew in us, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailness; continue us in the unity of the Church, raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness; and vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that, at the general resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive that blessing which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee.

Grant, we beseech thee, to all our relations, friends, and neighbours, that they may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life, and extend thine accustomed goodness to all that are in affliction.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the whole Church; rule the heart of thy servant William, our King and Governor. And, O God, the giver of all good gifts, who, of thy divine providence, hast appointed divers orders in thy Church, give thy grace, we humbly *beseech thee*, to all those who have been called to

any office and administration in the same, and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great name, and the benefit of thy Church. Send down thy heavenly blessing especially to the Bishops and Pastors of that part of it to which we belong; that they may be clothed with righteousness; and that thy word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation; and that being not, like children, carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the faith of thy holy Gospel, so that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory and the increase of thy kingdom.

We bless and glorify thy name, O gracious God, whose mercy is over all thy works, for all thy mercies to us from the beginning of our lives to this day; but above all, for the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, make us truly sensible of thy mercy, and give us hearts alway ready to express our thankfulness, not only *by words*, but also by our lives, in being more obe-

dient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we pray thee, thy goodness to us, that we, whom thou hast so blessed, may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

These things, O heavenly Father, we beg for ourselves and all mankind, humbly beseeching thee, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, to keep us this night and always both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

II.

PRAYERS FOR A FAMILY,

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SUNDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, humbly beseech thee to accept our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us thy sinful creatures.

Blessed be thy holy name for thy great glory in the creation of all things; more especially in the creation of man after thine own image, capable of loving and enjoying thee to all eternity. But, above all, we praise and magnify thy name, for thine inestimable love to lost mankind, in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for His meritorious death and passion; for His glorious and triumphant resurrection and ascension; and for the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Glory be to thee, O God, who, in compassion to human weakness, hast appointed a solemn day in every week for the remembrance of these thine inestimable blessings. May we ever esteem it our privilege and happiness to have a day of rest set apart for thy service, and the concerns of our own *souls;* and may we ever improve it with all care *and diligence!*

Let thy Holy Spirit, who, on the first day of the week, descended in miraculous gifts and graces on the apostles, descend on us, thy unworthy servants, that we may alway be in the Spirit on the Lord's day: let His blessed inspirations prevent and assist us in all its religious duties and services, that we may worship thee as we ought, both in private and in the congregation. May our thoughts be fixed on thee without wandering. May we join in the prayers and praises of thy Church with devout and heavenly affections; and hear thy word with earnest attention, and a firm resolution of mind to observe and obey it. [And when we approach thine altar, pour into our hearts those most excellent graces of humility, faith, and love, and all those holy dispositions which become the solemn remembrance of a crucified Saviour *.] May we employ this day to all those holy purposes which thou hast appointed; and may the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Let the prayers and sacrifices of thy holy Catholic church, this day offered unto thee, be in mercy graciously accepted; accompany thine institutions with thy blessing: let thy priests be clothed with righte-

* *To be used* only on the day when the Lord's Supper is *celebrated.*

ousness, and let thy saints sing with joyfulness. Accept the supplications of thy Church for all states and conditions of men. Prosper the endeavours of all those who are sincerely engaged in propagating Christian knowledge throughout the world; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. And grant that all who confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love; devoutly serving thee in all good works to the glory of thy majesty; that they may inherit thine everlasting kingdom, and enter into that rest which remaineth for thy people, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking, most justly, thy wrath and indignation against us. Have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences, and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have compassion upon our infirmities, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord, and pardon all those imperfections that have accompanied us this day in our attendance in thy house: mercifully receive the prayers there offered to thee, and sanctify to us all those means of grace of which, by thy bounty, we have been partakers. And grant, we beseech thee, *that we may* in such wise mark, learn, and inwardly

digest what we have this day heard or read, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Assist us, we beseech thee, in the week upon which we have entered, to live according to our profession and our prayers; according to the instructions and exhortations which we have received out of thy holy word; that our conversation may be such as becometh the gospel of Christ. Let us not abuse the means of grace by resting in them, but may they bring forth in us the peaceable fruits of righteousness; that we may love the things which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; so that among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found.

Let thy good providence, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, be with us this night; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls.

Extend thy goodness, O Lord, to the whole race of mankind: have mercy upon all that err and are deceived, and bring them into the way of truth. Let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and preserve it evermore by thy help and *goodness.* Bless those whom thou hast set over us

both in Church and State; that in their several stations they may be duly serviceable to thy glory and the public good. Let thy blessing be upon all our benefactors, friends, and relations, and also our enemies; let thy fatherly hand be ever over them, and thy Holy Spirit with them, to guide them, through the knowledge and obedience of thy word, to everlasting life.

We bless and praise thy holy name, O Lord, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men: for our preservation during the day past, and for all the other blessings of this life: but above all we praise and adore thy goodness in the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble Himself, even to the death upon the cross, for us miserable sinners, that He might exalt us to everlasting life. Oh! teach us to express our thankfulness, by submitting ourselves entirely to His holy will and pleasure, and by studying to serve Him in true righteousness and holiness all the days of our life.

Accept, we beseech thee, O Lord, these our prayers and praises, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O God, the giver of all good gifts, and the Father of mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, desire to praise thy holy name for all thy goodness, and every instance of thy bounty to us.

Blessed be thy love in giving thine only Son to die for our sins, for the covenant of mercy in His most precious blood, for the means of grace instituted by Him here, and for the hope of glory through His merits hereafter. We bless thee, also, for that, after all our neglect of thy grace, thou still hast patience with us, and addest another day to those we have mis-spent already, that we may finish the work which thou hast given us to do, and renew and perfect our repentance.

Pardon, good Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, all our former sins, and all our abuses of thy forbearance; make us truly penitent; and give us grace to lead more holy lives, and to be more careful in improving all future opportunities. Be thou alway present to our minds; and let thy love and fear rule in our souls in all those places and companies where our occasions shall lead us this day. Keep us chaste in

all our thoughts, and temperate in all our enjoyments; humble in ourselves, and charitable toward others; meek and peaceable under all provocations; sincere and faithful in all our professions; and so just and right in all our dealings, that no necessity may lead us, nor any opportunity in any kind allure us, to defraud our neighbour. When thou bestowest good on others, let us not envy, but rejoice in it; and when thou addest any to ourselves, may we acknowledge thy mercy with humble thankfulness.

Give us, we beseech thee, convenient supplies in all our reasonable necessities, and protect us against all dangers. Make us diligent in our business; and give such success to our honest endeavours as thou seest most expedient for us: and teach us contentedly to submit ourselves to thee, and not to repine at anything which may befal us by the allotment of thy wise Providence. In all our passage through this world, and our manifold concerns therein, suffer not our hearts to be too much set upon it, but may we alway fix our eyes upon the blessed hope of everlasting life, so that we may make all the things of this world minister to it; and be careful, above all things, to fit our souls for that pure and perfect bliss which thou hast prepared for them who love and fear thee, in the glories of thy kingdom.

Extend, also, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee,

thy grace to all men in all places, both high and low, rich and poor: more particularly, bless and defend our sovereign lord the King; give a double portion of thy Spirit to the ministers of thy holy word and sacraments; bless our relations, friends, and benefactors; pardon and convert our enemies; and bring us all to thine everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O MOST gracious God, who daily multipliest upon us thy mercies, notwithstanding we every day renew our provocations, accept, we beseech thee, our most humble and hearty thanks for thine unspeakable kindness to us thine unworthy servants.

Blessed be thy goodness, O Lord, which hath this day preserved us, and supplied us with food and things convenient for us, and multiplied to us the comforts of this life. Adored be thy love and patience for the assistance of thy Spirit in the duties of this day, and for not cutting us off in any of those sins which we have committed. Grant us, we pray thee, a due sense of these endearing benefits, and earnest and hearty sorrow for having offended so gracious a God, to whose free mercy and bounty we are indebted for all we have, or hope to enjoy. Remember not against us, O Lord, our past iniquities, by which we have dishonoured our Christian profession; but mercifully forgive and heal us: let the precious blood of thy dear Son atone for all our sins, and let thy grace, and the blessed influences of *thy Holy Spirit,* defend us against all temptations *for the time* to come. May our full purpose and

endeavour be thoroughly to amend our ways, and strengthen us with thy promised help, that we may daily increase in righteousness and true holiness.

Keep us, we beseech thee, under the defence and care of thy good providence this night; make our sleep safe and refreshing; fit us for our great change, that it may not surprise us unawares; but that, having led a holy life, we may be happy in our death, and have comfort and a well-grounded hope in thee, through the merits of thy beloved Son our Saviour.

Give, O good Lord, to all men grace to repent of all their sins, and to become thy faithful servants. May all Christians live up to the laws of that religion which they profess. Bless these kingdoms wherein we live; save and defend thy Church, and preserve the King from all dangers ghostly and bodily: give to the rich and prosperous, temperance and charity; to the poor and needy, give patience and content. Preserve our friends and relations in their souls and bodies; forgive our enemies, and make them kindly affected toward us.

Hear these our prayers, O merciful Father, for the sake of thy Son our Advocate and only Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O ETERNAL God, and merciful Father, we give thee humble and hearty thanks for all the benefits and blessings, both spiritual and temporal, which, in the riches of thy great mercy, thou hast liberally poured down upon us, especially thy spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Lord, give us grace continually to praise and magnify thy glorious name.

Particularly we give thee unfeigned thanks for our preservation all our lives, and for bringing us safe to the beginning of this day, in which, and all our days, we beseech thee to preserve us from sin and danger in soul and body; that all our thoughts, words, and works, may tend to the honour and glory of thy name, the discharge of our duty, and the salvation of our souls.

Pardon, O Father of mercies, for the sake of thy beloved Son, all our sins, whatever we have neglected to do, or done amiss, in thought, word, and deed: let them not cry oftener and louder in thine ears for vengeance, than our prayers for mercy *and forgiveness.*

O Lord, against thee have we sinned; but, we beseech thee, blot all our sins out of thy remembrance with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and give us, from henceforth, wise, sober, and religious hearts; chaste and temperate affections; souls full of devotion to do thee service, and strength against all temptations.

O blessed Lord, enable us to fulfil all thy commands: prepare our souls against thy coming, O thou Saviour of all who hope in thee: grant us patient and penitent spirits: make our services acceptable to thee while we live, and our souls ready for thee when we die: give us grace in this life, and glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour.

Bless, O gracious Father, thy holy Catholic Church; fill it with truth and grace; purify, direct, strengthen, and confirm it, and heal the breaches of it, O thou holy One of Israel. Bless all those who are called to any office or administration in thy Church: replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine and innocence of life, and let their prayers be acceptable in thy sight.

Let thy name, O God of Jacob, defend our King; send him help from thy sanctuary, and strengthen him out of Zion: may his heart be firmly fixed on thee, and on other things only as they are in and

from thee. Have mercy upon these kingdoms, and forgive the sins of this people: turn thee unto us, and bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us.

Comfort all that are in affliction, especially those who suffer for thy truth and righteousness' sake. Bless all our friends and relations: forgive our enemies, and give us grace to forgive them, as we desire to be forgiven of thee.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, through the merits and intercession of the ever blessed Jesus, who liveth and reigneth with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, blessed for ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O HEAVENLY FATHER, hear our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, and let our evening sacrifice be acceptable in thy sight, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences; let thy unspeakable mercy in Jesus Christ thy Son free us from all the sins we have committed, and deliver us from the punishment we have deserved. Graciously look upon our infirmities, and cleanse us from all filthiness of flesh and spirit; save us from every work of darkness, and give us grace with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only true God.

Make us to remember thee on our bed, to think upon thee when we are waking, to commune with our own heart, and search out our spirits; and to compose them in thee, that we may rise to thy service, and be occupied in thy word. Thou hast preserved us from all the dangers of the day past; thou hast been our support all our lives: under thy *merciful* protection may we pass through the dark-

ness of the night in comfort and peace. Let not the evil one have any advantage over us. May our sleep be sufficient to relieve our weakness, and to renew our strength; and whatever days thou shalt be pleased to add to our life, may they all be devoted to thy service, to the advancement of thy honour and glory.

And, O thou Creator and Preserver of all mankind, have mercy upon all sorts and conditions of men; bless thy holy Catholic Church, wheresoever dispersed upon the face of the whole earth: may one faith, one Lord, one baptism, be in all places uniformly professed. And keep us, O Lord, faithful, living members, under Christ, the head of thy true Church, his body, all the days of our life, and at the hour of our death.

Bless and preserve our Sovereign; make him and keep him a devoted servant to thee, and a true defender of the faith; bless him in himself and in his people; grant him long life and peace on earth, and crown him with eternal glory in the life to come.

Bless all that labour under afflictions; give them constant patience, or speedy deliverance, as seems best to thee, according to their several wants and *necessities*. Bless all our kindred and acquaintance, *our friends* and benefactors; turn the hearts of our

enemies; forgive us and them all our sins, and grant us mercy in the dreadful day of judgment, through the mediation and satisfaction of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be all honour, praise, and thanksgiving, now and for ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, we humbly adore thy sovereign Majesty; and acknowledge that all we are, and all we have, are the effects of thine unspeakable bounty. Give us, we pray thee, such a sense of thine infinite goodness, that we may return unto thee all love and obedience.

We humbly thank thee for all the favours which thou hast bestowed upon us; for creating us after thine own image, for preserving us by the daily protection of thy good providence, for redeeming us by the death of thy blessed Son, and for the sanctifying influences of thy Holy Spirit, for placing us in a state of salvation, and for the hope of happiness hereafter. We thank thee, also, for the many temporal blessings which thou hast bestowed upon us, for rest and protection during the past night, and for the comforts and conveniences, as well as the necessaries of life. May we alway delight to praise thy holy name, and love thee above all thy benefits.

O Father of mercies, have compassion upon us miserable sinners: for the sake of thy beloved Son, *and through His* atoning blood, we most humbly

implore the pardon of all our sins. Make us heartily sorry that we have offended thee; and grant us the assistance of thy grace, that we may henceforth avoid all occasions of evil, and walk before thee with a perfect heart, to thy glory, and the salvation of our souls. Enlighten our minds with a true knowledge of our duty, and enable us, by thy Holy Spirit, to perform it with care and diligence. Make us ever watchful and constant in prayer; alway sensible of our corruption, and need of thy help: and defend us, by thy Almighty power, from all the snares and temptations that may beset us.

Preserve us, O good Lord, from all those bodily dangers to which we are liable: and keep us this day in innocence, and in love to thee and to all men. Direct our paths, and teach us to guide all our affairs with discretion: make us upright and honest in all our dealings, and diligent in our several callings: but let not the things of this life rob us of that time which ought to be employed in the concerns of our souls, nor divert us from the serious thoughts of the world to come: that walking faithfully before thee all our days, and being found watching when our appointed time shall come, we may, from a life of righteousness, be translated to a life of glory, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Extend, O Lord, thy pity and compassion to the

whole race of mankind; enlighten the gentile world with the knowledge of thy truth; bring into the flock of Christ thine ancient people; and may all who name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Be gracious to thy holy Catholic Church, and grant that she may alway preserve that doctrine and discipline which thou hast delivered to her. Grant that all our governors, in Church and State, may be serviceable to thy glory and the public good. Be merciful to all that are in any affliction or distress of mind or body; support and comfort them, and in thy good time deliver them according to thy mercy. Bless all our friends, relations, and acquaintance: convert those that are in sin, and those that are in grace confirm and strengthen. Unite us all, O God, to one another by mutual love, and to thyself by the constant practice of piety and holiness, through the merits of thy blessed Son our Saviour.

O gracious Lord, pardon, we beseech thee, the imperfection of these petitions, and answer us according to our necessities, and thine own rich mercies, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

Most great and glorious Lord God, we humbly bow down ourselves before thy divine Majesty, acknowledging our unworthiness and our manifold transgressions, whereby we have deserved thy wrathful indignation.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee, and are not worthy to be called thy children. But, oh! let thy fatherly compassion be toward us, and for Jesus Christ's sake pardon us, and graciously receive us to thy favour. Make us truly penitent; and send thy Spirit of adoption into our hearts, that we may love thee, and be owned by thee as thy children, share in their blessings, and at last become inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Give us grace to know thee aright, that we may love thee as we ought to do. Create in us a sincere obedience to all thy commands, a submissive patience under all thy chastisements, and an entire resignation to all thy disposals. May we ever have awful thoughts of thee; and may it be the great business of our life to glorify thy name by our walk and conduct, and by engaging all men, as far as lies in

our power, to glorify and love thee also. Let thy unwearied and tender love to us make our love unwearied and tender toward our neighbour; zealous to promote his present and eternal welfare, and ready to succour all that may need our help. Make us peaceful and reconcileable, meek, gentle, forbearing, and long-suffering; alway ready to return good for evil, and easy to forgive.

Be pleased, O Lord, to take us into thy protection this night, and defend us from all dangers. Refresh our bodies with such comfortable rest and sleep, that we may rise in the morning with renewed vigour, and better disposed to do thee all faithful service. Let no evil approach to hurt us: may we lie down with holy thoughts of thee, and when we awake may we be still with thee.

Show mercy to the whole world, O Father of all; let the Gospel of thy Son run and be glorified; let it be made known to the heathen, and obeyed by all that are Christians. Be merciful to this nation wherein we live; grant that we may be so humble and reformed, that we may be pardoned and spared. Multiply thy blessings upon our Sovereign, and all the Royal Family, and make them signal instruments of thy glory and the public good. Be gracious to all those that minister in holy things, that *they may diligently* watch over the souls committed

to their care. Visit in mercy all that are in affliction, relieve all their necessities, and lighten all their burdens: give them patience and submission to thy blessed will, and in thy due time deliver them from all their troubles.

We adore thy goodness, O Lord, for all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, which thou, from time to time, hast bestowed upon us; for the good things of this life, and the hopes of eternal happiness in the next, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Particularly we offer to thee our humble thanks and praise for thy preservation of us from the perils of the day past, and for all the blessings we have enjoyed. To thy holy name be ascribed all honour and glory. Oh! let the sense of all thy blessings have this effect upon us, to make us better, to lead us to repentance, and to work in us a more entire and humble dependence upon thee.

All which we beg for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we humbly praise and bless thy holy name, for that, of thine infinite goodness, thou hast preserved us during the night past by thy providence, and hast raised us from sleep, giving us a longer space for repentance, and for the perfecting of holiness in thy fear.

Withdraw not, we humbly entreat thee, thy protection from us, but take us under thy care and governance this day: watch over us with the eyes of thy mercy, and direct us in the way of thy commandments. Endue us with those graces of thy Holy Spirit, whereby we may pass this day, and the rest of our life, to the praise and glory of thy holy name, the benefit of our neighbour, and the salvation of our own souls. Keep us, O Lord, from all sin and transgression, that we provoke not thy wrath against us. Direct our souls and bodies, our words and actions, according to the rule of thy word: divert our hearts from the love of this world, and turn them to those eternal joys which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

And because we are not worthy, O Lord, that

thou shouldest hear us, unworthy sinners, we humbly plead the merits of thy only Son, who is the propitiation for our sins: for His righteousness' sake pardon the offences of thy servants, and for thy mercies' sake in Him grant us those good things of which we are most justly undeserving. Defend us, O Lord, in this our pilgrimage against the enemies of our souls: arm us with the armour of light against the world, the flesh, and the devil; that, having fought a good fight, we may finish our course with joy, and be received into thy heavenly kingdom.

In the mean time, O thou who fillest all things living with plenteousness, be merciful unto us in the supply of those necessaries which we daily want: keep us in health and strength, give us food and raiment, and a competence sufficient to maintain us in that state of life to which it hath pleased thee to call us: and grant that we may lead a quiet life in all godly conversation, that, using thy blessings worthily, we may pass this life with thankfulness and comfort, till it please thee to call us to a better.

Bless, O Lord, those whom thou hast set over us both in Church and State; govern their hearts in thy fear, and guide their understandings to do those things which will be acceptable to thee, and beneficial to this Church and kingdom. Comfort the *comfortless* and helpless; show the light of thy

truth to those who wander out of the right way; give to all sinners true repentance; strengthen and assist with thy grace those who have begun well, that they may persevere in goodness; to all our friends, kindred, and enemies, give all thy good blessings; keep us from evil, and make us to continue in thy service to our lives' end; and, after the course of this painful life is ended, bring us to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord God, Father everlasting, to whose never-failing bounty we owe all honour and praise, we humbly thank thee for thy preservation of us during this day, and for all the benefits which, of thine unspeakable mercy, thou hast bestowed upon us, notwithstanding our great and manifold sins committed against thee.

O Lord, we confess that we have wasted the time which thou hast given us, not considering that this day might have been the last of our life; and that we have added to our sins as if we had stood in no fear of thee. O Lord, we acknowledge that it is of thy goodness alone that we are not consumed in our iniquities; and to thy mercy be all the praise and glory.

O thou Father of mercies, who desirest not the death of a sinner, we most humbly crave thy pardon for our sins, in the name and through the mediation of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ. Lord, give us true repentance, and grant us the help of thy Holy Spirit, that for the time to come we may more effectually *resist* temptation, and serve thee truly in

newness of life. Turn us, O Lord, and so shall we be turned; enlighten our minds, direct our hearts, and so draw us after thee, that we may no more return to our sins, but serve thee in righteousness and holiness all our days.

Lighten, O Saviour, our darkness, and mercifully keep us from all the dangers of this night. O Lord, into thy hands we commend our spirits; save us waking, and defend us sleeping; that we may watch in thee, and rest in peace. Keep us from all evil thoughts; that, being preserved by thy protection, and refreshed with comfortable rest, we may rise to offer thee our daily bounden duty and service; and at the end of our pilgrimage may receive the crown which thou hast promised to those that love thee, in that day which no night shall follow.

Have mercy, O Father of the spirits of all flesh, on all mankind: convert all nations to thy truth, strengthen and confirm therein all Christians. Bless the universal Church; heal its divisions, reform whatever is amiss in it, and establish it in truth and peace. Preserve and defend all Christian princes, especially our Sovereign; direct and prosper all his undertakings. Bless the Clergy with soundness of doctrine and purity of life, the council of the King with wisdom, the magistrates with integrity and discretion, and the people with the grace of obe-

dience and loyalty. Comfort and relieve those who labour under any affliction of body or mind. Those that love and do good to us, reward thou seven-fold into their bosom; those who hate us without a cause, convert and forgive: and grant us all so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal, through Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O ETERNAL God, and most merciful Father, look down upon us thy unworthy creatures, through the mediation of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and be pleased to accept our unfeigned praises for thy many and undeserved favours bestowed upon us; for creating us reasonable creatures, and for the continuance of our lives; for protecting us during the night past, and bringing us safe to the beginning of this day. But more especially we glorify thy name for thine infinite love in the redemption of the world by thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. O Lord, give us grace to praise thee, not only with our lips, but by living in obedience to all thy commands all the days of our life.

Good Lord, make us truly sensible of, and penitent for, all the sins that we have committed against thy divine Majesty, in thought, word, or deed. Wash away our guilt with the precious blood of thy dear Son; be reconciled to us for His sake, and save us from the wrath to come.

Draw our minds from the love of this world, and

teach us to use it with temperance, sobriety, and moderation; with an entire trust and dependence on thy fatherly care and good providence, and with a perfect submission to thy blessed will in all things.

O Lord, root out of our hearts all pride and envy, hatred and ill-will; put away from us all lying and slandering, and all uncharitableness, and whatever is contrary to a truly Christian Spirit; and endue us, we most humbly pray thee, with the meekness and humility which is in thy sight of so great value, and with all those holy and Christian dispositions which thou lovest.

Instruct us, we humbly beseech thee, in all the particulars of our duty which we owe to thee, our neighbour, and ourselves. Guide and conduct us, by thy good Spirit, through all the business and affairs of this life. Teach us to act with faithfulness and honesty in everything that we take in hand; and give us such a dread of thy displeasure, and such a sense of thy continual presence with us, as may secure us, by thy grace, against all the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil.

O Lord, assist us this day, with the gracious motions of thy Holy Spirit, that we may continually arise from the death of sin unto a life of righteousness; preserve us from the dangers of evil company, and from the deceitfulness of our own hearts; and

defend us more especially from those sins that are most apt to betray and insnare us. Let thy blessing accompany all our honest labours and endeavours; and vouchsafe to us such a measure of health, and other temporal mercies, as thou seest best and most fitting for us.

We desire, O Lord, to leave ourselves, and all our affairs, in thy hands; humbly beseeching thee to take us, and all that belong to us, under the protection of thy good providence; and so to bless, direct, and guide us, in this life, that we may at last obtain the greatest of all blessings, the eternal salvation of our immortal souls, through the merits, and for the sake of thy dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ: for whom we praise theé, and in whose most holy name and words, we sum up all our wants, and those of all mankind.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY, blessed, and glorious God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners; and let the prayers and supplications of thy servants be acceptable unto thee, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate.

O Almighty God, and gracious Father, who hast established the heavens and the earth in wonderful order, making day and night to succeed each other, for the comfort and refreshment of mankind, we make our humble supplications to thy Divine Majesty, begging of thee mercy and protection this night and for ever.

O Lord, pardon all our sins, in thought, word, and deed, whatever we have done amiss this day, or at any time before; be fully reconciled to us in the blood of thy dear Son. O Lord God of Mercy, we earnestly beseech thee to give us true repentance; and so to assist us with thy Holy Spirit, that we may mortify all our sinful inclinations, and wholly devote ourselves to thy service in holiness of life.

Convince us truly, O Lord, of the folly and danger of sin; and teach us ever to value thy love above all

things, and to esteem thy favour more than life itself; and grant that we may pass through all the temptations of this world with peace, and innocence, and safety. Suffer us not, O merciful God, to be led away by the vain and foolish customs of the world, nor seduced from our duty by the company and example of wicked men: but grant that we may make thy laws the rule of all our actions; and may it be our constant and most zealous endeavour to please thee in all things, and faithfully to discharge our duty in the several places and stations wherein thy providence hath placed us.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom: make us duly mindful that thou art present everywhere, and privy to our most secret thoughts, that we may never dare to do anything but what thou approvest, and of which we may give a comfortable account, at the great day of the Lord Jesus. Oh! fit and prepare us for the solemn time by a virtuous and holy life; that when we come to appear before the great Judge of all the world, we may be found of the number of those happy souls whom He shall then pronounce blessed.

Extend thy goodness O Lord, to all mankind; have mercy upon all who know not, or do not acknowledge thy truth, and bring them to the light

and practice of thy laws. Bless all our governors, in Church and State. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our friends, relations, and neighbours. Comfort and relieve all those who are in any affliction or distress: and bring all men to thyself, in the faith of thy blessed Son.

And as we pray unto thee, O God, for ourselves and others, so we desire to bless and praise thy holy name, for all thy manifold mercies and favours to us and to all mankind. We give thee hearty thanks, for preserving us during the day past, and all our lives; but above all, for thine unspeakable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. O Lord, imprint on our hearts such a deep sense of thy mercies, that we may glorify thy name, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life.

Finally, O Lord, we humbly commend ourselves, our souls and bodies, and all that belong to us, to thy fatherly care and good providence; beseeching thee to take us, this night, under thy Almighty protection, that no evil may come near to hurt us. Refresh our bodies with quiet rest and sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit; and when thou shalt think fit to take us out of this

world, give us everlasting rest and peace, in thy eternal kingdom, through the merits and for the sake of thy Son, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, Lord of heaven and earth, we, thine unworthy creatures, bow down before the throne of thy Majesty; humbly confessing our manifold sins and wickednesses, by which we have deserved thy just anger and displeasure.

We confess, O God, that we have sinned grievously against thee, by thought, word, and deed; we have broken thy righteous laws, and incurred thy severest judgments. But, O Lord our Judge, thou art also our Redeemer: we have sinned, but thou, O blessed Jesus, art our Advocate: have mercy upon us, miserable sinners; enter not into judgment with us, but spare us, gracious Lord, spare thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood: preserve us from the punishment of sin, and deliver us from its power.

O thou, whose mercy is without measure, grant us the forgiveness of what is past, and perfect repentance, that, for the time to come, we may, with pure spirits, contrite hearts, and holy desires, serve thee religiously; walking humbly with thee, our God, *and justly* and charitably with men; possessing our

souls in patience and holiness, and our bodies in sanctification and honour.

O thou, in whose presence is no darkness, we, thy servants, whom thou hast preserved during the night, and who now live by thy power, do bless and glorify thee for the defence and care of thy Almighty providence; and humbly pray thee to keep us this day, and all our days, in health, peace, and safety. Send thy Holy Spirit to be the guide of our ways, and the guard of our souls. Keep us in thy faith, fear, and love: give unto us the light of thy countenance, peace from heaven, and the salvation of our souls in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Hear, also, our prayers, O Lord, for thy holy Catholic Church: remember all them whom thou hast appointed to be stewards of thy holy mysteries; give them wisdom and charity, diligence and zeal; direct and bless their labours. Preserve, O King of heaven, all Christian princes, more especially our gracious Sovereign; crown them with justice and peace, and with the love of thee, and of their people.

O blessed God, who art rich in mercy and compassion, have mercy upon all states of men in the Christian Church: remember the poor and needy, the widow and fatherless, the sick and afflicted: give them help as thou seest expedient for them, and in *the mean time* a sanctified use of their afflictions.

Let these our prayers, O Lord, find access to the throne of grace, through the Son of thy love, our blessed Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; to whom, with thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all glory, thanks, and honour, all love and obedience, for ever and ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O ALMIGHTY Father, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to receive us this night, and for ever, into thy favour and protection: defend us from all evil; and rule and govern us with thy Holy Spirit, that we may be preserved from every temptation. Let not the sins of this day deprive us of thy gracious protection; but let thy merciful ears be open to our prayers for pardon and forgiveness.

O Lord, we have sinned against thee; make us humble at the remembrance of our folly. O thou God of pity and compassion, have mercy on us; for thou art our Father, merciful and gracious, and hast revealed to us thine infinite mercies in Jesus Christ: for His sake give us true repentance, and the perfect remission of our past sins; wash us in the precious blood of thy dear Son; and grant that we may henceforth live a holy and a blessed life, in all godliness and honesty, increasing in the knowledge of God, and being fruitful in every good work. May it be the work of our life to obey thee, the joy of our souls to please thee; that in a constant, faithful discharge of our duty, we may watch for the coming

of our Lord, and be ready to enter with Him into thy heavenly kingdom, at whatsoever hour He shall come.

O Lord, who, by thy blessed Son, our most gracious and most holy Redeemer, hast subdued all the powers of hell and the grave, and hast taken away the sting of death, have mercy upon us, now and at the hour of death. Let us not be cut off unprepared, nor surprised in any act of sin; preserve us in thy true religion, in faith, and hope, and obedience to thy will; and grant that we may die the death of the righteous, and that our future state may be like his.

Defend, O Lord, and preserve thy Church; and give unto them who serve thee in the ministries of religion, wisdom and holiness, the blessings of peace and righteousness, and the powerful aid of thy Holy Spirit. And, O almighty God, who rulest in the kingdoms of men, preserve our gracious King; give him long life and peace in this world, and a crown of glory in the world to come. Bless, O Lord, all our relations, friends, and neighbours, with thy tender mercies, and all needful succour. O gracious Comforter, behold, in mercy, the poor and needy, and all that are in affliction and trouble; give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

These our prayers, O most merciful Father, vouchsafe to hear, through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and most merciful Saviour; who, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, together is worshipped and glorified, in all the Churches of the Saints, one God blessed for ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

III.

JENKS'S

)RNING AND EVENING PRAYERS

FOR A FAMILY,

ABRIDGED.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O MOST blessed and gracious Lord God, whose almighty hand has brought us out of nothing to enjoy the comforts of life, and whose free grace has called us from our state of ruin, to the hope of thy heavenly glory, we bless thy holy name for having conducted us safe through every condition of our lives to this day, and that we have yet a day of grace, wherein to seek the things belonging to our eternal peace. We adore thee for having so consulted the good of our souls, as to set apart this day for holy uses, that we might engage in a solemn attendance upon thee, in whose service consists all our honour and happiness.

Oh! how much higher might we have been in thy favour, how much nearer to thee, our God, and fitter for thy heavenly kingdom, had we rightly used and improved the means of grace which thou hast been pleased to afford us! But we have been cruel to our own souls, as well as disobedient to thee, our Lord; we have not improved the opportunities of appearing before thee as we ought, and have too lightly valued our highest privilege. And when we have come

before thee in thy house, it has been with such coldness of heart, such dulness and wandering of mind, that thou mightest justly turn away from us, and despise our services.

But be pleased, O heavenly Father, to look upon us in the Son of thy love, the Lord, our peace and our righteousness; and forgive us all that is past, wherein we have neglected thy work, or performed it amiss, or done what was inconsistent with it. Help us, O God of our salvation; deliver us from the power of sin, and blot out all our transgressions in the blood of thy dear Son.

O gracious God, be with us, and with all the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries this day: enable them devoutly to minister in holy things, and faithfully to set forth thy true and lively word: and grant unto us, and to all who wait upon thee in the courts of thy house, humble and teachable spirits; that we may worship thee in spirit and in truth, and receive thy word with obedient hearts. Remove, we beseech thee, all the hinderances of our spiritual improvement, that thy word may have free course, and be glorified among us. Let us not rest in any forms of godliness, denying the power thereof; let us not rest satisfied with the name and profession of Christianity; but may we be animated and influenced by its life and power. And let the Gospel of

our Lord, and the graces of thy good Spirit, shine forth in our lives to the glory of thee our heavenly Father.

May we this day go forth in thy strength; and let thy grace and blessing accompany all our endeavours: that, having served thee, though imperfectly, here upon earth, we may attain to the full enjoyment of thee in heaven, and glorify thee in the perfection of holiness for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O MOST merciful God, who hast showed us what is good, and what thou requirest of us, that it may be well with us both now and for ever; who sendest out thy light and thy truth, making the way of life and salvation plain before us; we humbly praise thee for the many opportunities which thou affordest us of improvement in that knowledge which leads to the kingdom of thy glory.

Thou hast not been wanting to us, O Lord, but we have been exceedingly wanting to ourselves: so little have we improved the precious talents which thou hast put into our hands, that thou mightest justly deprive us of them, and leave us to our own carelessness and impenitence till our iniquities become our ruin. But, O Lord our God, merciful and gracious, we humbly beseech thee that thou wilt not so enter into judgment with thy servants; but in mercy pardon our contempt of thy word, our neglect of the means of grace, all which thy pure and holy eyes have seen amiss this day in any of our thoughts, desires, words, and actions: forgive *the iniquities* of our holy things. And help us for

the time to come to use and improve such gracious opportunities to the glory of thy name, and the benefit of our own souls.

And though we must acknowledge that we have not kept this day holy to the Lord as we ought, yet let it not be a lost day to us: let thy good Spirit bring thy word to our remembrance, that it may increase in us the true knowledge and fear and love of thee, our God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that it may be effectual to the saving of our souls. And help us for the time to come to live more as becometh thy servants, and to be ready to every good work which may be pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

At his hands, O merciful God, we beg thy gracious acceptance of our praise and thanksgiving for all the blessings which thou hast so freely bestowed, and so long continued to us. Thou hast dealt graciously with us, O Lord, and been exceedingly kind to us, above all that we are able to express. We bless thy name, O heavenly Father, for all the comforts of this life, and for the hopes of a better, which through thy favour we enjoy. Particularly would we now bless thee for the mercies of this day: for thy house open to us, for the word of salvation sounding in our ears, and for thy blessed Spirit striving with our hearts. Let us not receive

thy grace in vain; let not thy mercies be lost upon us: but may we act more answerably to that care and kindness which we have so long and largely experienced. May we thankfully receive, and carefully improve, all thy favours.

Hear us, O heavenly Father, we most humbly beseech thee, for the sake of our great Mediator and Redeemer, who ever lives at thy right hand to make intercession for us. To Him, as the blessed author of our hopes and happiness, and to thee who didst vouchsafe to give him up for us, and to that blessed Spirit who has revealed him to us, be all praise, and honour, and glory, humbly and heartily ascribed, by us and by all thy Church, now and for evermore.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord God of our salvation, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, upon whom the eyes of all do wait, for thou givest unto all life, and breath, and all things, in thee we live, and upon thee we continually depend for all the good that we either have or hope for. Thou watchest over us for good; and takest care of us in our sleep, when we are incapable of caring for ourselves: daily thou renewest to us thy tender mercies, giving us every morning fresh occasion for praise and thanksgiving. And thou hast assured us by thy word, that, if we commit our affairs to thee, and acknowledge thee in all our ways, thou wilt establish our thoughts, and direct our paths. We desire, therefore, O Lord, still to put ourselves under thy gracious conduct and fatherly protection: and we beg the guidance and blessing of thy good Spirit, to direct our ways, and all that concerns us, to the glory of thy name.

O Lord, withdraw not thy tender mercies from us; take not away the comforts of thy presence, or the assistance of thy Spirit, on account of our manifold abuses of thy grace and goodness. Punish not

our past sins by giving us over to the love and power of our sins; but give us truly penitent hearts, and thy gracious pardon, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And grant us, O good Lord, the comfortable sense of thine acceptance of us in thy beloved Son, that our souls may bless thee, and that all that is within us may praise thy holy name.

And may we find the joy of the Lord to be our strength; may we be strengthened by it against all our sins, especially the sins to which we are most addicted, and whereof we are most in danger. Make us, also, more ready to every good work, and better disposed for all the duties which we owe to thee, our neighbour, and ourselves; that herein we may exercise ourselves to have always a conscience void of offence toward thee and toward men. Help us to walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, carefully redeeming the time that we have lost, and conscientiously improving all the means of grace which thou hast given us.

And while we are upon earth, give us, we pray thee, all things needful and convenient for our present pilgrimage: sanctify to us all our enjoyments and all our occupations in the world: and let all events that now befall us be improved to thy glory, till, through the merits of thy Son, and the multitude of thy mercies, we are conducted safe to be

ever with the Lord. Amidst all our other affairs in this world, let us never forget or neglect the one thing needful; but may it be our principal care so to conduct ourselves every day, that we may give up our account with joy in the great day of thine appearing.

O gracious Father, keep us, we beseech thee, this day in thy fear and favour, and help us to live to thy honour and glory. If thou guide us not, we shall run into errors; if thou preserve us not, we shall fall into dangers. Let thy good providence be our defence and security; and let thy Holy Spirit be our guide and counsellor in all our ways. And grant that we may do those things which are agreeable to thy will, and acceptable in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour; in whose sacred name and words we further pray.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, whose glory is above all our thoughts, and whose mercies are more than can be numbered, what cause have we to bless and praise thee for thy love and for all thy goodness to us sinners! especially for thy mercies in Jesus Christ thy Son our Saviour, through whom we are encouraged to come unto thee as our heavenly Father. And though we have great and many sins to confess, yet do we look up with humble confidence, trusting that thou wilt pardon them, and give us power from on high to mortify and subdue them, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Thou didst create us, O Lord, after thine own blessed image, in a holy and happy estate: but we have made ourselves vile and miserable; we are no longer upright, we are averse to good and prone to evil, and provoke thee daily by our transgressions. But thou hast declared thy willingness to be reconciled to us; yea, thou hast sent thine holy Son into the world to suffer for us, that whosoever believeth *in Him* should not perish, but have everlasting life. *O Lord, help our* unbelief; and give us true repent-

ance toward thee, and right faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be of the number of those who repent and believe to the saving of their souls.

And save us, O good Lord, from the love and course of this present evil world, and from every self-destroying way which we are tempted to follow. Deliver us from the snares of temptation; and may we so experience the bitterness of sin, and the excellence of thy ways, that we may never regard either the allurements or discouragements of this sinful world. Establish, strengthen, settle us, O Lord, in thy true religion; that, going forth in thy strength, we may do thy will to all well-pleasing, and continue in thy fear to our lives' end.

We humbly implore thy blessing, O Lord, on all those whom we ought to remember in our prayers. Let such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death behold the light of thy truth and the joy of thy salvation. And, oh! that all who name the name of Christ may depart from iniquity, and so live up to their profession as to give no just occasion for thine enemies to blaspheme, but that thy name may be glorified. Be gracious, O Lord, to thy Church, and especially to that part of it which thou hast planted in this nation. Make all thy ministers to be ensamples to the flock in all righteousness and holiness of living. Bless, with the choicest of thy blessings,

the King whom thou hast put in authority over us: direct his councils, and prosper all his endeavours for the peace and welfare of his dominions. Give to all magistrates wisdom and courage to defend thy truth, and to do right to all; and establish all of us to be a holy people to thyself. Comfort all who are in distress; relieve the necessities of all thine afflicted people throughout the world. Remember all our relations, friends, and benefactors; all who are near and dear to us; remember them with the favour which thou bearest unto thy people. Make them, O Lord, such as thou wilt mercifully accept to thy favour here, and to thy kingdom hereafter. Look also upon our enemies; forgive them and turn their hearts; and enable us to forgive them, as we hope to be forgiven by thee.

Hear us, O God of the spirits of all flesh, hear us both for ourselves and others: above all hear thy beloved Son, at thy right hand, pleading for us, and for all the members of His mystical body. To Him we commit our cause, and to thee through Him; trusting in thy tender mercy; and ascribing to Him, to Thyself, and thy blessed Spirit, all honour, might, majesty, and dominion, both now and ever.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O LORD our God, whose we are, and whom we ought to serve with all the abilities wherewith thou hast blessed us, we are bound by all the obligations of thy laws, and by thy great mercy and loving-kindness, to be faithful in the covenant of our God, and to abound in the work of the Lord.

But we desire to humble ourselves before thee, because our lives have been so unserviceable to thee, and so full of provocation against thee; for we have lived to ourselves rather than to thee, and have served our own lusts and pleasures more than thy holy will. We have sinned against thee, our God; and by our sins have destroyed ourselves: but in thee, O heavenly Father, in thee alone is all our help. Yea, thou hast laid help upon One that is mighty, and able to save to the uttermost all that come unto thee through Him: through whom, also, thou hast encouraged us to come boldly to thy throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need. In Him, therefore, we beg, O Lord, that thou wilt be reconciled to us, and make thyself known to us as a Father of

mercies, and a God of all consolation. For his sake enable us, we beseech thee, to conduct ourselves as the children of God, and the members and followers of Jesus Christ.

Oh! fill our hearts with thy grace and the spirit of holiness, that we may hate all iniquity, and abhor every false way. Let thy Holy Spirit enable us to walk in thy statutes, and to keep thy judgments and do them. And so quicken us by thy grace, that we may make it our meat and drink to do thy will, and may run the way of thy commandments with enlarged hearts. Make our services acceptable to thee while we live, and our souls ready for thee when we die. And as long as we are in this world, keep us, O Lord our God, from the evil of it, and from the snares and dangers to which we are continually exposed. Make our passage safe through all the changes, troubles, and temptations of this mortal life; and bring us finally to the unchangeable glories and felicities of the eternal world.

Be merciful to us, good Lord, and bless us, and keep us this day in all our ways. May we take nothing in hand but what is warranted by thy word. Let thy fear be ever before our eyes, to restrain us from the things which are displeasing to thee, and destructive to our own souls. And let *thy love* abound in our hearts, and powerfully con-

strain us to do whatever is acceptable in thy sight, through him that hath loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our righteousness: in whose blessed name and words we further pray.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O EVER blessed and most gracious God, the Lord and giver of our lives, and of all the blessings we enjoy; to whom we owe ourselves and all that we are capable of rendering unto thee; for by thee, O Lord, we were created, and through thy good providence we have been spared and provided for unto this present time; we humbly acknowledge thy great and daily goodness to us, and our own exceeding unworthiness of the least of all thy mercies.

We have cause to be ashamed that we have s little improved, and so much abused, all thy patience with us, and the various instances of thy bounty to us. But we desire, O Lord, to be humble for our offences; and we entreat thy gracious favour in Christ Jesus for the pardon of them. Forgive us, we pray thee, for his sake; and grant that, being justified by faith, we may have peace with thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Make us, we humbly beseech thee, followers of thee in all holy love and obedience; ever jealous over our hearts, and watchful over our ways; continually fearing to offend, and endeavouring to please

thee; and enable us to keep our hearts with all diligence, that they may never be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. O Lord, who knowest our weakness, and our danger from the temptations to which we are continually exposed, strengthen us, we humbly pray thee, and uphold us with thy free Spirit, and evermore watch over us for good.

Teach us, O our God, to know the day of grace, and to see the things of our peace before they be hidden from our eyes: and while we have time, enable us to use and improve it to those great ends for which thou art pleased to continue it to us.

And seeing thou art pleased yet to spare us, and to make us find, by every day's experience, how abundantly gracious and merciful thou art, give us hearts more sensible of thy love, more affected with thy mercy, and more thankful for thy continued favours. And help us to show forth thy praise, not only by speaking good of thy name, but by ordering our conversation aright, and by adorning the Gospel of God our Saviour in all things.

And now, most merciful Father, we humbly commend ourselves, and all that we have, to thy care and protection; beseeching thee, for thy dear Son's sake, to preserve and defend, to bless and keep us, both in soul and body. Be with us through the night season, and grant us comfortable rest; that,

our frail nature being refreshed, and our decayed strength renewed, we may rise again better fitted for the duties of the following day, if thou shalt be pleased to add another day to our lives.

And as thou daily multipliest thy mercies to us, be pleased, also, to increase our repentance, and to renew us daily after thine image; that every day may not only bring us nearer to thy kingdom, but may make us fitter for the enjoyment of that glory which thou hast prepared for them that love thee.

Accept these our prayers, we humbly beseech thee, most merciful and gracious Lord God: and for all the good things which we have received, or at present enjoy, or hope for in future from thy bountiful hands, enable us to render our grateful thanks: and may it be our employment now, as we hope it shall be hereafter, abundantly to utter the memory of thy great goodness, and to sing of thy praise without ceasing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, thou keepest mercy for thousands, pardoning iniquity, transgression, and sin; thou retainest not thine anger for ever, because thou delightest in mercy. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore do the sons of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings: and therefore do we desire still to look up to thy bountiful hand, from whence we have received all the good things we enjoy.

O Lord our God, be pleased to look down mercifully upon us, and be favourable to us, as thou usest to be unto those that love thy name. Look not upon the sin of our nature, nor the sins of our hearts and lives, which are more than we can remember, and greater than we can express: but look upon us in mercy, through the merits and mediation of thy Son our Saviour, who was manifested to take away our sins: by Him may we have access to thy divine Majesty, and for His sake bestow upon us the blessings which we so greatly need. May we receive

out of His fulness grace sufficent for us; those gifts which are the purchase of His blood, and the necessary means of our salvation. Pardon all our sins, renew and sanctify our souls, and so transform us into thy blessed image, that we may be meet to be partakers of the inheritance of thy saints in light.

Teach us, O Lord our God, to use this world without abusing it, and to enjoy the things of it without suffering them to engross our affections. Whatever we have of the world, let it be sanctified to us by the word of God and prayer: and whatsoever we may want of the things of this life, O Lord our heavenly Father, leave us not destitute of those things that accompany salvation, but adorn our souls with all the graces of thy Holy Spirit, that we may glorify thee in all things, and that our conversation may be such as becometh the Gospel of Christ.

Help us, O gracious Lord, in the whole of our duty to thee, our God, and also in the discharge of all the duties which we owe to men: enable us to walk wisely toward them that are without, and kindly toward them that are within. Let us never cause thy holy name to be blasphemed through our misconduct, but may we pass the time of our sojourning upon earth in thy fear; that having *glorified thee* here, we may be glorified by thee in *the great day* of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now that thou hast renewed thy mercies to us this morning, help us, gracious God, to renew our desires and endeavours to serve and honour thee. Restrain us from the evils and follies into which we are prone to fall; and quicken us to the duties which we are averse to perform. And grant that we may think, and speak, and act, as becometh thy servants; ever remembering that we are bought with the precious blood of Christ, and ever striving to live unto Him who died for us and rose again: to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be glory and honour, world without end.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O LORD, our gracious God, and most merciful Father in Christ Jesus, we do not presume to appear in the presence of thy glorious Majesty in our own name, or trusting in any righteousness of our own; but we come in the name and mediation of thy dear Son, who has fully satisfied thy justice for our sins, and continually intercedes for us at thy right hand.

Oh! deliver us, most gracious Lord, for His sake, from all the transgressions for which our hearts condemn us, and from all of which thou, who art greater than our hearts, knowest us to be guilty: and let His most precious blood atone for all our sins.

May the time past of our lives suffice us to have lived to ourselves, and to have served our own lusts and pleasures: and grant us new and contrite hearts, that we may tremble at thy presence, and hate and abandon every evil way. Engage to thyself, O blessed Lord, the deepest thoughts of our minds, the choicest affections of our hearts, and the main tendency and activity of our souls; nor let the vanities of this world ever divert us from thy service, or interrupt our enjoyment of thee.

Let our supplications, O Lord, ascend before thee in behalf of all men. Send thy word and the means of grace to such as are yet without them, and make them effectual to those who now enjoy them. Give a check to all profaneness and ungodliness. Make thy Church to increase and flourish, and thy servants to prevail and rejoice. Be gracious to this our native land, to the head and governors of it, and to every member of the same; and order all the public affairs to the glory of thy name, and to the welfare of our Church and State. Turn from us, good Lord, the judgments which we feel or fear; and continue to us the many temporal and spiritual advantages which through thy favour we enjoy. Be thou our reconciled God, and may we be thy peculiar people.

Look down, O gracious Father, on all that are in affliction; mercifully regard them under their sufferings; sanctify thy fatherly corrections to them; and in thy good time deliver them from all their troubles. Be gracious to all our friends and neighbours; reward our benefactors; and bless our relations with the choicest of thy blessings. Bless, also, our enemies, and reconcile them both to us and to thyself.

Let thy heavenly blessings and thy saving grace descend and rest upon this family. Guide us, and

help us; make us wise and faithful in our duty, and prosperous in all our lawful undertakings. Bless all our present circumstances to us, and fit us for whatever changes we may be called to experience.

And now, O Lord, be pleased to accept our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. We would glorify thee, the Father of mercies, and the fountain of all goodness, for the mercies of the day past, and for the goodness that hath followed us all the days of our life. Imprint, we beseech thee, and preserve upon our hearts a lively and grateful sense of all thy kindness to us: let our souls bless thee; let all that is within us praise thy holy name.

Thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercy, demand our unceasing praises: to thee, therefore, O heavenly Father, let all thanks, and praise, and love, and obedience, be rendered by us, and by all thy servants, henceforth and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord God, that hearest prayer, and art nigh to all that call upon thee in truth, pour upon us, we beseech thee, the spirit of grace and supplication; let thy good Spirit help our infirmities; and teach us to ask such things, and in such a way, as shall be most agreeable to thy will, and most advantageous to our souls.

We have too just cause to fear lest our great and manifold sins should have provoked thee to hide thy face from us, and to shut up thy loving-kindness in displeasure. We have not duly hearkened to thy word, or yielded to the motions of thy Spirit. And if thou, Lord, shouldest enter into judgment with us for our actions, we could not answer thee for one of a thousand: we must plead guilty before thee, and place our whole dependence upon thy mercy.

O God, be merciful to us miserable sinners: for the sake of Him whom thou hast exalted to be a prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to thy people, and forgiveness of sins, be merciful to us, we pray thee, and heal our souls, that have greatly sinned against thee. Renew us to repentance, and

establish our goings in thy holy ways. And let us not return to folly after thou hast spoken peace to us; but enable us to withstand all the enemies of our souls, till every hinderance to our salvation be overcome, and Satan himself be bruised under our feet.

O thou God of all grace, bring such thoughts to our minds, and impress such considerations upon our hearts, as thou knowest will effectually keep us from our iniquity, and prevail with us to do thy will. Let us not any more depart from thee; but preserve us holy and unblameable unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the mean time, sanctify to us all the dispensations of thy providence, and bless us in every condition and relation of life. Make us humble in a high estate, or contented in a low one; nor let us ever forget that the care of our souls is the one thing needful: make us alway mindful of this, that we may follow constantly those things which shall bring us peace at the last.

Dispose of us, we beseech thee, and of all that concerns us, to the glory of thy name. Keep us, at all times, and in all places and companies, from the evil of sin, and from all other evils to which our sins have made us liable. And take thou, O heavenly Father, the gracious charge and government of us

this day; and so guide us by thy counsel, that hereafter thou mayest receive us to thy glory.

All this we ask through thy tender mercies, and our Saviour's abundant merits: in whose name and words we beg all things needful for ourselves and others.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord, the infinite, incomprehensible God, who art here and everywhere present; thou compassest our path and our lying down; thou searchest our hearts, and art thoroughly acquainted with all our ways.

O Lord, we acknowledge that we were born in sin, and that we have daily added to our sins; neither have we been thankful for thy mercies and thy goodness. Oh! thou whom we have so greatly provoked, how justly mightest thou leave us to feel what an evil and bitter thing it is to trespass against thee!

But, O God, who art of wonderful patience to bear with sinners, and of infinite goodness and mercy to forgive them when they are truly penitent, pardon us, we humbly beseech thee; and deliver us from every weight of sin, that our souls may be fitted to serve thee with that sincerity, and readiness, and gladness, which thou requirest. Help us so to see and feel our sins, to hate and bewail, to confess *and forsake them*, that we may have a well-grounded

hope of thy forgiveness, and of thine acceptance of us in the Son of thy love.

And for His sake, O Lord, grant us such an increase of thy grace, and such aid of thy Holy Spirit, as may enable us to mortify our sins, and to serve thee sincerely, cheerfully, and constantly. Supply what is wanting, and reform whatever is amiss in us; and make us such in our hearts and in our lives, that we may obtain peace in our souls, and be made partakers of thy heavenly glory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His great name and prevailing mediation we pray in behalf of the whole race of mankind. Oh! that all the ends of the world may remember themselves, and turn unto the Lord, and see the salvation of our God! Bless thy holy Church; heal her divisions, and establish her in truth, and righteousness, and charity. Continue thy mercies to this guilty land, and help us to improve by all thy dealings with us. Bless abundantly the King's majesty; prolong his days, and prosper his government; make him a zealous defender of the faith, and a promoter of thy fear; that under him we may be in peace and safety, enjoying the free profession of thy holy religion. And grant unto thy ministers, and to all magistrates, continual supplies of thy Holy Spirit, for the conscientious and faithful dis-

charge of their several duties. Bring all our neighbours near to thyself; be a friend to all our friends; a father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow, and a God of consolation to all that are in affliction and trouble. Oh! bless to us all whatever thou art pleased to allot us; and make all events work together for our present and eternal good.

And as thou hast been good and kind to us this day, and all our lives, for which we desire, O Lord, humbly and thankfully to adore thy name, so we beg the continuance of thy goodness, and of thy fatherly care over us this night. Preserve and defend, bless and keep us, that no evil may befall us or our dwelling. Give us sleep and rest to refresh and strengthen us for thy service, and for the performance of all our duties: and prepare us, O Lord, for our last sleep in death, and for that great account that we must give at the judgment-seat of Christ. Instruct and assist us, that we may finish the work which thou hast given us to do, before the night of death overtake us, wherein we cannot work: that whenever thou shalt be pleased to give us the summons of death, we may cheerfully resign our spirits into thy gracious hands.

Hear us, we entreat thee, through the riches of *thy grace*, and the worthiness of thy dear Son; in *whose merits* alone we trust, and to whom with

hyself, and the Holy Ghost, the one God of our alvation, be all praise, and honour, and glory, scribed by us and by all thy people, from this time orth for evermore.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, whose name is most excellent in all the earth, and who hast set up thy glory above the heavens, worthy art thou to be celebrated with everlasting praises of men and angels; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were, created. Thy hands, O Lord, have made us, and fashioned us; yea, thou continually preservest us, and givest us every good thing that makes our lives a blessing and a comfort to us. Thou hast formed us for thyself, that we should show forth thy praise, and that we should live to thy glory, as we do continually live upon thy bounty.

But, O Lord our God, we have not glorified thee as we ought; yea, rather, how greatly have we dishonoured thee in the whole course of our lives! We have forgotten thee, the gracious giver of all our good things, who art never unmindful of us. How soon are we weary of doing thee service, who art never weary of doing us good! We have been disobedient to thy word, and have walked after the *imagination* of our own foolish hearts.

For these things we humble ourselves here before thee; and we entreat thee, for the sake of thy mercies in Christ Jesus, which hath moved thee to spare us hitherto, to have mercy upon us. Pardon, we beseech thee, all that is past, wherein we have offended thee, whether in omitting our duty, or failing in it, or doing contrary to it, and give us unfeigned repentance. Humble us duly under the sense of our transgressions; and, for thy dear Son's sake, absolve us from the guilt of them.

And strengthen us, good Lord, with might by thy Spirit in the inner man, that we may be more watchful against temptation, and more victorious over our corruptions. Destroy in us every vicious inclination, every evil habit, every rebellious motion that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and of Christ Jesus our Lord. And increase and confirm in us more and more the graces of thy Holy Spirit, especially those which thou knowest to be most wanting in us, and necessary for us. Fill us with the knowledge of thy will, with faith in thy promises, and with the fear and love of thy holy name.

Give to us, we humbly pray thee, what thou seest shall make our lives more comfortable to ourselves, more profitable to others, and more honourable to thee our God. And, whatever be our condition as to the concerns of this present time, may

we alway be found in the way of our duty, fearing thee, and working righteousness; may we secure our interest in the great Saviour of the world; that, when all earthly help shall fail us, thou mayest take us up, and be the strength of our hearts, and our portion for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee, O Lord, who art making every day a further addition to thy mercies. We bless thee for our last night's preservation and protection, and for the rest and refreshment which thou hast given us therein. Cause us to hear thy loving-kindness, for in thee do we trust; cause us to know the way wherein we should go, for we lift up our souls unto thee. Cast us not away from thy presence; take not thy Holy Spirit from us; but direct all our ways to please thee, O our God, that thou mayest crown us with thy blessing and good success.

Such thy mercy and grace we beg for ourselves, and all for whom we ought to pray, in our great Mediator's form of prayer.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O God, the Father of mercies, and fountain of all goodness, who hast declared thy readiness to hear and to help us, enable us, we beseech thee, now to call upon thee with our whole heart: and let our prayer be acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

There is in ourselves no good thing to recommend us to thy favour: we are by nature children of wrath; and we have daily added to our trespasses against thee. But in thy beloved Son there is the gracious promise of pardon and peace. Oh! see our sins punished in Him, who was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; and as the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, so let the merit of His righteousness be on us; and by His stripes let our souls be healed.

Nor do we beg for pardon only of our sins, but also for power against them, and grace sufficient to enable us to break them off; that we may walk more acceptably before thee in all the duties of righteousness and holiness, which the Lord has prescribed to us. Enable us more effectually to resist *temptation*, that no iniquities may prevail against us, nor any presumptuous sin have dominion over us

Make us more conformable to the pattern and precepts of our blessed Saviour, that we may not dishonour His religion, nor cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of; but that our light may shine before men to the glory of thee, our heavenly Father, and to the edification of those among whom we dwell.

And seeing the time of our abode in this transitory world is so very short and uncertain, and that after our departure hence we have an everlasting state, where we must be happy or miserable for ever, let us not set up our rest as if we were at home upon earth, but may we live in expectation of our great change, and in the daily serious preparation for it; in the exercise of all those graces and good works, that may make it unto us Christ to live, and gain to die; that in life and death we may be alway thine, safe in thy hands, and acceptable in thy sight.

Together with our own wants we commend to thy mercy, O God, the necessities and distresses of all our brethren throughout the world. Bring all to the knowledge of thy truth, and to a cheerful obedience to thy holy will. We pray more particularly for the King, for all our magistrates, and the ministers of thy word; for our friends and relations, and for all that are in affliction; and more especially for those for whose happiness and salvation thou knowest we to be chiefly concerned. Do thou for us and for

them as thou knowest best, and most needful and expedient, for thine own mercy's sake in Jesus Christ.

And as we pray to thee for what we want, so we desire to praise thee for all that we have received at thy hands. Blessed be thy name, O Lord, for all thy mercies. Enlarge our hearts, we beseech thee, with more love and greater thankfulness to thee, that we may both give thee thanks, and glorify thy name for ever.

And now that the night is upon us, we humbly commit ourselves to thy gracious care and protection who never slumberest nor sleepest, but art the watchful guardian of them that trust in thee. Watch over us, we pray thee, for good, that none of the evils which our sins have deserved may befall us. Protect us from the works and powers of darkness, and preserve us from all the terrors and dangers of the night. Let all our sins, this day or at any former time committed, be removed out of thy sight; and lift up upon us the light of thy countenance, that we may lie down with a comfortable sense of thy favour, and of thine acceptance of us in the Son of thy love: for whom, and to whom, with thyself, and the Holy Spirit, be all thanks and praise, and honour and glory, ascribed by us and by all thy Church, from this time forth for evermore.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

Most blessed Lord God, give us grace, we beseech thee, to approach thy glorious Majesty in such a manner, that thou mayest mercifully accept us through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

In His great name we worship at thy footstool: in His name we implore thy pardon, and an increase of thy grace. We are not worthy, indeed, that thou shouldest take notice of us, or be entreated by us: but worthy is the Lamb that was slain to take away the sin of the world, that thou shouldest, for His sake, do more for us than we can ask or think. In Him thou art a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and art reconciled to those who truly turn to thee.

We acknowledge that to us belong shame and confusion of face, because of our manifold sins. But, O gracious Father, look not upon our transgressions, but upon the merits of thy blessed Son. Let His precious blood cleanse us from all our sins; and let the grace of thy Holy Spirit renew and sanctify our souls. Subdue, we pray thee, our iniquities; let *there be no sin* in us which is not felt and hated,

bewailed and resisted by us. Quicken us to all the duties of thy holy service: may our hearts be right with thee, the searcher of them, and let all our ways be pleasing in thy sight.

Teach us to know thee, our God, and enable us to do thy will as we ought to do. Give us hearts to fear and love thee, to trust in thee, and to cleave unto thee with all faithfulness. Let no temptations draw us, nor any tribulations drive us from thee; but let all thy dealings with us bring us nearer to thyself, and make us fitter for thy heavenly kingdom.

Quicken us, O Lord, that we may abound in thy work, and be fervent in spirit serving thee. Make us also faithful in all our intercourse with our neighbour. Make us ready to do good and to bear evil; make us just and meek, sober, temperate, humble, and self-denying, inoffensive, and exemplary in our conduct; that so glorifying thee here upon earth, we may, at our departure hence, be received into the joy of our Lord.

Oh! thou that hast kept us alive to this day, and hast refreshed us during the night season, renew thy mercy to us together with this morning light; thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice, lift up the light of thy countenance *upon us*, and make us glad with thy presence. And

as thou art ever present with us, make us ever sensible of thy presence, that we may duly remember thee in all our ways, and wisely conduct ourselves in all our affairs. Be with us, good Lord, in our going out and coming in; and let thy grace follow us this day, and all the days of our life. Never leave us, nor forsake us; but be our guide unto death, in death our comfort, and after death our everlasting portion.

Hear us, we beseech thee, from heaven, thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest have mercy: forgive what thou hast seen amiss in our prayers, and do more for us than we are worthy to expect at thy hands, for His sake, who alone is worthy; in whose comprehensive words we sum up all our desires.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, who, in kindness and love to our souls, hast commanded us to wait upon thee in the duties of thine immediate service, thou humblest thyself even when thou beholdest the things that are in heaven; how wonderful, then, is thy condescension in looking down upon us, thy sinful creatures, whose habitation is in the dust!

Lord, what is man that thou takest knowledge of him, and the son of man that thou makest account of him? Thou canst not at all need us, or any of our services; but we all stand in continual need of thee, our God, in need of thy mercy and forgiveness, thy grace and guidance, without which we can never hope to escape the misery due to our sins, or to attain that glory which is thy free gift in Christ Jesus.

Oh! remember not against us our iniquities; but according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Blot out our transgressions, and justify us freely by thy grace, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. And bless us, *O God of our* salvation, in turning us from all our

iniquities, and in giving us grace that we may repent, and amend our lives according to thy word.

To this end be pleased to enlighten our minds with thy saving truth. Reform our depraved wills, regulate our unruly passions, purify our corrupt affections, convert all the faculties of our souls, that they may be instruments of thy glory. Yea, sanctify us wholly in body, soul, and spirit, that we may adorn thy Gospel in all holy conversation and godliness. Quicken us, O Lord, to hear thy voice while it is called to-day, that we may make haste, and not delay to keep thy commandments. Keep us alway mindful of the shortness of our time, and the uncertainty of our continuance in this world: and let the remembrance of this have a prevailing influence upon us, to wean us from the world, and to make us more deeply concerned for our everlasting welfare, and more careful to improve every present opportunity to our souls' eternal advantage. Let the work of thy grace be daily advancing in our hearts, that we may grow in grace as we grow in years, and be continually ripening for the full enjoyment of thy glory.

These things we also beg in behalf of all whom we ought to remember in our prayers. Forgive the sins, and relieve the miseries of thy sinful creatures throughout the world. Add to thy Church daily

such as shall be saved. May all Christians walk as becometh the Gospel of Christ. Let the Church which thou hast planted among us be thy continual care. Give thy judgments, O God, unto the King. Make all magistrates to be men fearing thee, and eschewing evil. And, oh! that all who are called to serve at thine altar may be in a more especial manner blessed with compassionate hearts and exemplary lives. Look in mercy upon all who are in affliction and trouble. Bless all orders and ranks of men among us; may all know thee, from the least to the greatest.

We are unworthy, O Lord, to obtain all these great and good things: but thy tender mercy in Jesus Christ, and thy continual bounty, give us hope and encouragement to our prayers. Blessed be thy name for all thy goodness, especially in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Continue, we beseech thee, thy gracious favour to us, and thy fatherly care over us this night. As we go to rest after the labours of the day, so help us daily to do thy work, that we may enter into that rest which remains for thy people at the close of life. Renew to us, day by day, thy pardoning mercy, and supply us daily with thy grace; that we may finish our course with joy, and at the end of this life be received into thy glory.

These things we beg in the name and for the sake of our only Redeemer: for whom we thank thee; and to whom, with thyself, O Father, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, in the unity of the ever-blessed Trinity, be all praise, and honour, and glory, ascribed by us and by all thy servants, now and for evermore.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SECOND SATURDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord God Almighty, the sovereign Majesty of heaven and earth, against whom all our sins have been committed, and by whom alone they can be pardoned, there is none but thee by whom they can be subdued, our souls sanctified, or our necessities supplied. But thou delightest to show mercy; and thou art able and also ready to hear and to help all that call upon thee in truth. We therefore come unto thee, O Lord, begging that mercy which thou knowest we greatly want, and grace to help us in the time of need. We beg the same for the sake of thy beloved Son, who alone is worthy, and in whose precious blood is all our trust.

O Lord, we are unclean, and thou mayest well abhor our guilty souls: but look upon us, we beseech thee, in the Son of thy love, and according to thy mercies in Him. Make us to feel the burden of our sins; nor let us ever attempt to conceal them, lest they find us out at the last, and overwhelm us with shame and misery.

Holy Father, increase our faith, and let thy Holy

Spirit sanctify our souls. Quicken us to thy work, and assist us in the performance of all our duties; which of ourselves thou knowest we are unable to perform. Work in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure: establish the things, O God, which thou hast already wrought for us; and continue to aid us by thy grace, till our souls are fitted for the enjoyment of thy glory.

Gracious Lord, thy mercies are fresh and new to us every morning. We have laid us down and slept, and awaked again, for thou hast sustained us; thou hast kept us from the terrors of the night, and from all evil accidents, so that we are once more risen in peace and safety. Glory be to thee, O God of our salvation, who art still so mindful of us, so merciful to us. Continue, we pray thee, thy goodness to us this day; and teach us to conduct ourselves aright, and to order our affairs to thy glory. Direct our undertakings, and prosper our endeavours. Rule our hearts in thy fear and love, that we may live to thy praise and honour.

We humbly commit ourselves to thy most gracious protection this day. Keep us, we beseech thee, from all evil, and help us to do that which is good and pleasing to thee, through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, for His sake; forgive what we have asked amiss; and

bestow upon us all things which thou seest needful for us, and which we continue to ask in the comprehensive words of thy dear Son.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SECOND SATURDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O LORD, thou great and glorious God, infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness, who hast created all things, and sustainest and orderest all things by thy wise providence, thy mercy is over all thy works. In what a plentiful measure have thy bounties been poured out upon us thy sinful creatures! This day, and every day of our lives, O Lord, we have partaken largely of thy mercy, and been altogether preserved by thy fatherly care.

But, O heavenly Father, what unsuitable returns have we made for all thy great and continued goodness to us! Besides the guilt of our inbred corruption, many and great are the sins that we have *committed* against thee, against the light and

teaching of thy Gospel, the strivings of thy Spirit, the love and sufferings of thy Son, against all the patience and forbearance which thou hast exercised toward us. And what would we now expect from thee, O Lord, but judgment, were it not that thy mercy rejoiceth over judgment; and that thy word assures us that thou delightest not in the death of sinners, but rather that they should turn to thee and live. We plead, therefore, thy mercy, and thine exceeding great and precious promises made to returning sinners in thine only Son our Almighty Saviour. For His sake be pleased to pity us, to spare us, to forgive us: receive us to thy blessed favour, and comfort us with the assured hope that our iniquities are forgiven.

And because such is the infirmity of our nature, that without thy grace we have not power to keep ourselves even from the greatest sins, grant us, we beseech thee, the increase of thy grace, and the help of thy good Spirit, that we may be strengthened against all temptations, and be made thy willing and faithful servants. Teach us that we may know aright thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent: and give us power from on high, that we may be able to live according to that knowledge which thou art pleased to impart unto us. Make us true penitents, sincere converts, sound

believers. And, oh! Thou that workest all in all, perfect in us the work of thy grace, that we may have cause to give thee praise and glory to all eternity.

These things, O Lord, we beg, not only for ourselves, but for all who partake of our nature. More especially we pray for thy whole Church, for the King's Majesty, and all our rulers and magistrates; for our spiritual pastors and teachers, for our relations and friends, our benefactors and neighbours, and for all that are in any affliction and trouble. Supply, we beseech thee, all their wants, and fulfil all their desires, in such a manner as thy wisdom seest best, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ.

Thou, Lord, art the great preserver of men, who hast kept and blessed us this day, and all our days. Praised be thy name for all thy goodness. Oh! make us sensible of thy kindness, and thankful for it, as we ought to be.

Take us under thy care, O Lord, and be gracious to us this night. Give us not only bodily rest in our beds, but rest for our souls in thy love and mercy. And be thou our God, our hope, our joy and comfort, this night and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SECOND SUNDAY MORNING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord God, the giver of life and strength, and of all grace and goodness, we humbly pray thee to be graciously present with us this day, to direct and quicken us in all the duties of thy holy service. Forgive us, we beseech thee, our iniquities; and remember not against us the sins which may justly provoke thee to hide thy face from us: but according to thy mercy remember thou us, O Lord, and accept us, and our imperfect services, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Leave us not, we beseech thee, to the dullness and hardness, the vanity and deceitfulness, of our own hearts; but grant us, of thy heavenly grace, that preparation of heart without which we cannot serve thee acceptably, and keep us in a devout and heavenly frame of mind. Help us so to sanctify this thy day, that it may be a means of promoting the sanctification of our souls. May we abound in thy work; and rest for ever from all our sinful ways, as well as on this day from all our common labours.

Bless to us, O gracious Father, thy word, and all

the means of grace which through thy favour we enjoy: let us never use them in vain, but may they ever conduce to the instruction of our minds, the reforming of our lives, and the saving of our souls; making us such as thou requirest us to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

O heavenly Father, let thy blessing be upon all our pious designs and undertakings this day. Bless the ministers of thy word and sacraments, hear the prayers which shall be offered up in thy house, and let thy word be for the conviction and comfort of many souls; and may it take so deep root in our hearts, that the fruits of it may appear in our lives, to the glory of thy holy name. And grant, O gracious God, that our services this day may be such as shall tend to our comfort in the great day of thine appearing and glory. May we so hallow these sabbaths upon earth, that hereafter we may be admitted to the joyful celebration of the eternal sabbath in heaven; there, with all the Church triumphant, to laud and magnify thy glorious name, and to enjoy thy love, and sing thy praise for ever.

And now, O Lord, for the addition of this thy holy day, we bless thee; for the benefit of thy word, and for the ordinances of thy worship, we glorify thy name: yea, for all the means of grace, and for the hopes of glory, to thee, the God of all

grace, be praise, and honour, and glory, rendered, by us and by all thy people, from this time forth for evermore.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

SECOND SUNDAY EVENING.

Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, who art good to the souls that seek thee, and, according to thine infinite mercies, givest us eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we humbly entreat thee mercifully to forgive us all our sins, and to receive us graciously in Him in whom thou art well pleased.

Oh! make us truly penitent and humbled for all which this day we have done amiss; and make us unfeignedly thankful for all the good we have received, and for all which thou hast, in any measure, enabled us to do aright. The evil is from ourselves alone, and to us belong shame and confusion of face for it; but all the good is of thy free grace and

mercy: and to thy blessed name, O Lord our God, be all the praise and glory.

Let thy blessing, we pray thee, be upon thy word which we have this day heard, and upon all the means of grace that have been used for the good of our souls. Let the powerful influences of thy Holy Spirit apply thy word to our hearts, that we may walk more humbly and closely with thee, more conscientiously and circumspectly in all our ways; and be so obedient to its holy precepts, that finally we may enjoy the great and precious promises which it contains.

Supply, O Lord, by the teachings of thy Spirit, the want of thy public ordinances to all such as through any unavoidable impediments are kept from them: and continue to us, gracious Lord, the light of thy Gospel, and all the opportunities which we enjoy for our souls' welfare.

And now, O Lord, our heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks for the mercies of this day, and for thy great mercy and goodness that has followed us all the days of our life; for thy patience and long-suffering, for the preservation of our lives, and for every temporal comfort. But, above all, we praise thee for the mercies and blessings relating to the world to come, for Jesus Christ and redemption through Him, for the teaching and consolations of

thy Holy Spirit, for all the means of grace afforded us, and for the hope of glory which thou hast given to us. Make us, we beseech thee, ever sensible of thy mercies as we ought to be; and give us hearts filled with thy love and praise, and devoted to thy service.

We cannot praise thee according to the riches of thy grace, and the multitude of thy mercies: but we desire to bless and praise thee with all the abilities wherewith thou hast blessed us. And help us, O Lord our God, to glorify thy name, not only in speaking to thy praise, but in so entirely devoting ourselves to thy service, that we may be thine in faithfulness, and in the sincerity of our hearts, all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

IV.

OCCASIONAL COLLECTS,

TO BE USED WITH THE FOREGOING.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD and heavenly Father, we, thy unworthy servants, humbly adore thy mercy, faithfulness, and truth: and we give thanks unto thee, because thou didst give thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and, as at this time, to be born for us men and for our salvation. Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. Give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light. Give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity. And as thy blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life, grant us, we humbly beseech thee, that, having this hope, we

may, now in the time of this mortal life in which he came to visit us in great humility, purify ourselves even as he is pure: that when he shall appear again in his glorious majesty, to judge the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal through him, and be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom: where, with thee O Father, and thee O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.

O Lord, who for our sakes didst fast forty days and forty nights, give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory. And, O almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts; that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love to mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross for us miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that he might make us thy children, and exalt us to everlasting life; make us humble and contrite in heart at the remembrance of our sin. Give us true repentance: and grant, we humbly beseech thee, that by His merits and death, and through faith in His blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His passion. Make us alway to remember, with humble thankfulness, the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour Jesus Christ thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which, by His precious blood-shedding, he hath obtained to us. And grant, that as we are baptized into his death, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and that, through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection, for His merits who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR EASTER DAY.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who, through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we laud and magnify thy glorious name for His triumphant resurrection from the dead. This is indeed the day which the Lord hath made; may we rejoice and be glad in it. For he is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Grant, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, that we, being dead unto sin, and having alway in remembrance His resurrection from the dead, may rise with Him unto righteousness, setting our affections on things above: and that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR ASCENSION DAY.

O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into thy kingdom in heaven, grant that we also may in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell. And, we beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send thy Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us to the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR WHITSUNDAY.

O Lord God Almighty, who, as at this time, according to the most true promise of Jesus Christ our Lord, didst send the Holy Ghost from heaven in most wonderful manner, enduing thy holy Apostles with miraculous gifts, enabling them effectually to preach the Gospel to all nations, whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and knowledge of thee and of thy Son Jesus Christ; we adore and magnify thy glorious name; we praise thee; we give thanks to thee for *thy great glory*. And as thou didst teach the hearts

of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us, we humbly beseech thee, by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Strengthen us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear; and defend us with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever; and daily increase in us thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whose hands are life and death, by whose will all things were created, and by whose providence they are sustained; we, thine unworthy servants, return unto thee most humble and hearty thanks, for that thou hast given us life, and that thou hast continued it to this time;

that thou hast hitherto forborne to snatch us away in the midst of sin and folly, and still permittest us to enjoy the means of grace, and time for repentance. We thank thee for all thy mercies from the beginning of our lives to this day. Pardon, we humbly beseech thee, most merciful Father, all our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour; and grant that thy goodness and forbearance may not be in vain, but that it may lead us to repentance, and that we may daily grow in grace and holiness, and in the knowledge, and faith, and love, of thee and thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour; carefully improving the time that remains, and earnestly striving that we may daily become fitter for thy heavenly kingdom. Make us to remember, that as years and days pass over us, we approach nearer to the grave, where there is no repentance: and so teach us to number our days, that, by the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom while we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord and Savionr. Amen.

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